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TAGS: AORG, UN
SUBJECT: UN ADMINISTRATION: G-LEVEL SALARIES IN GENEVA

REF: STATE 173663

1. INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AT EXECUTIVE SESSION
JULY 13 CAME TO THE SAME CONCLUSION AS OUTLINED IN PARA 2 OF
DEPARTMENT'S CABLE. WE CONCLUDED WE DID NOT HAVE LEGAL AUTHORITY
TO DIRECT A FREEZE.

2. ICSC WILL ASSUME AUTHORITY UNDER ARTICLE 12. WILL APPOINT
A WORKING PARTY TO REVIEW TOTAL PROBLEM OF GENERAL SERVICE AND
PREPARE ACTION DOCUMENTS FOR ICSC SESSION IN FEBRUARY ON MARCH
1977. GENERAL SERVICE SALARIES AND OTHER CONDITION WILL BE
GIVEN TOP PRIORITY.

3. MOST MEMBERS FAVOR STATUS-QUO ON SALARIES, REJECT USE OF
WORD FREEZE, BUT WE ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY DECIDING HOW TO ACHIEVE
RESULTS WITHOUT UNDERMINING CONFIDENCE. PROBABLY WILL EXPRESS
CONCERN TO SECRETARY GENERAL AND MAY SUGGEST AGENCY IMPLEMENT
A STATUS-QUO UNTIL WE CAN OBTAIN FACTS ABOUT GENERAL SERVICES.

4. ANY ACTION TAKEN BY GENEVA GROUP TO DELAY AUGUST 1
INCREASE WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN ON THEIR OWN. ICSC IN NO
POSITION LEGALLY TO PROVIDE ANY BASIS FOR SUCH ACTION. IN
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MY OPINION, ABROGATION OF AGREEMENT COULD CAUSE REAL PROBLEM

WITH STAFF.

5. ICSC HAS AGREED TO DEAL WITH GENEVA PROBLEM FIRST. IT WILL
BE MORE REALISTIC TO DEAL WITH ANY OVERPAYMENT AT THAT TIME.

6. BELIEVE GENEVA GROUP SHOULD COME DOWN HARD ON THEIR CONCERNS
TO KEEP PRESSURE ON UN AND AGENCIES. BUT IT SHOULD REALIZE THIS
PROBLEM WILL TAKE AT LEAST A YEAR TO BE STRAIGHTENED OUT.BEAUDRY

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